

Amendments to the Claims:

The listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims:

1. – 9. (Cancelled)

10. (Currently Amended) An electronic key having comprising a key housing that has having a suspension eyelet in a region close to its periphery, ~~the suspension eyelet having movable between a deployed use and a stowed non-use position, wherein:~~

~~a mechanical key configured to be moved onto and out of the key housing; the suspension eyelet is held by a guide arm which is a member associated with the suspension eyelet and mounted inside the key housing so as to be biased for movement relative to the housing; the guide arm is movable such that upon insertion of the mechanical key into the key housing, a portion of the suspension eyelet is contacted by the mechanical key and is lowered into a receiving space in the key housing, in which it is to be inaccessible in its non-use position; and the suspension eyelet is movable out biased into the use position upon withdrawal of the mechanical key from the key housing for the purpose of suspending the electronic key.~~

11. (Currently Amended) The electronic key as claimed in claim 10, wherein the ~~guide arm of the suspension eyelet is held on the key housing by means of a rotary bearing, such that it can pivot~~ member is pivotably mounted inside the key housing.

12. (Currently Amended) The electronic key as claimed in claim 10, wherein ~~in that the guide arm of the suspension eyelet is held on the key housing such that it can slide~~ member is slidably mounted inside the key housing.

13. (Currently Amended) The electronic key as claimed in claim 10, wherein:
the key housing has a receiving shaft for ~~an associated~~ the mechanical key which can be inserted into the receiving shaft and can be completely withdrawn from the latter; and
~~the suspension eyelet is automatically moved into the use position when the mechanical key is withdrawn from the receiving shaft.~~

14. (Canceled)

15. (Currently Amended) The electronic key as claimed in claim 13, ~~further comprising wherein~~ a spring is arranged on the key housing; wherein said spring automatically moves to bias the suspension eyelet into the use position.

16. (Currently Amended) The electronic key as claimed in claim 15, wherein, in its non-use position, the suspension eyelet is supported against a holding zone of the inserted mechanical key which is secured on the key housing ~~by means of~~ associated holding means structure.

17. (Previously Presented) The electronic key as claimed in claim 15, wherein, in the use position, the suspension eyelet is supported against a bearing point of the key housing under action of the spring.

18. (Previously Presented) The electronic key as claimed in claim 13, wherein:
the mechanical key is a flat key;
the suspension eyelet has a plate-like region which runs substantially parallel to a broad side of the inserted flat key in a common receiving shaft of the key housing.

19. (Currently Amended) An electronic key, comprising:
a mechanical key;
a key housing; and having a receptacle for storing the mechanical key
therein;

a suspension eyelet by which the key housing can be supported configured to support the key housing on one of a key ring and a key hook; wherein the suspension eyelet is biased so as to be movable between to a deployed position in which it is accessible for such a key ring or hook, and to a stowed position in which it is upon contact with the mechanical key so as to be inaccessible for such a the key ring or hook.

20. (Canceled)
21. (Previously Presented) An electronic key, according to claim 20, wherein said mechanical key has a suspension structure by which the electronic key can be suspended when the suspension eyelet is in the stowed position.
22. (Currently Amended) An electronic key, according to claim 19, wherein: the suspension eyelet is disposed on a ~~guide arm~~; and the ~~guide arm~~ includes a structure which is member is arranged to be engageable with a corresponding structure of the mechanical key such that insertion of the mechanical key into the receptacle causes movement of the ~~guide arm~~ member against the bias of the suspension element.

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23. (Currently Amended) An electronic key, according to claim 22, wherein said movement of the ~~guide arm~~ member comprises one of sliding and pivoting into the stowed position of the suspension eyelet.